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In re Application of :
Matthew Biondi et al :
Application No. 09/893,596 : ON PETITION
Filed: June 29, 2001 :
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This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed February 19, 2002.

The petition is dismissed.

Rule 47 applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision to reply, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," and should only address the deficiencies noted below, except that the reply may include an oath or declaration executed by the non-signing inventor.
FAILURE TO RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT OF THE APPLICATION.
Any extensions of time will be governed by 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires: (1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings); (2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116; (3) the petition fee; and (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor. Applicant lacks item (2) set forth above.

As to item (2), the declaration and power of attorney submitted with the petition is not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64. The declaration fails to set forth Mr. Biondi's citizenship. Therefore, a declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 is required. See MPEP 409.03(a); MPEP 602 and MPEP 605.01.

In order to expedite consideration of the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), petitioner may wish to consider submitting the renewed petition by facsimile transmission to the telephone number indicated below and to the attention of Wan Laymon.

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